

## QUEENSLAND - Highlights from Household Expenditure Survey 2003-04

### By state:

- Between 1998-99 and 2003-04, total expenditure on goods and services in Queensland increased by 26%, the same as the increase for Australia as a whole.
- Comparing each broad category of goods and services expenditure, Queensland had the lowest expenditures on:
  - domestic fuel and power (\$18 a week);
  - alcoholic beverages (\$20 a week);
  - clothing and footwear (\$29 a week).
- Queensland also had the lowest expenditure on petrol (\$27 a week).
- Queensland did not record the highest expenditure in any broad expenditure category.
- Significant increases in expenditure over the five years from 1998-99 were on internet charges (up 215%), pay TV (up 173%), mobile telephone charges (up 158%) and child care (up 78%).

Differences in demographic and geographic characteristics of households help to explain Queensland's relatively low levels of expenditure. These factors include:

- Queensland had a relatively high proportion of households with government pensions and allowances as the principal source of income (30%).
- Queensland had a lower proportion of households living in the capital city (46%).

### By capital city:

- Brisbane had the lowest level of gross household income (\$1,034 a week).
- Comparing each broad category of goods and services expenditure, Brisbane had the lowest expenditures on domestic fuel and power and on alcoholic beverages as was the case for Queensland as a whole, and also on:
  - medical care and health expenses (\$38 a week);
  - recreation (\$93 a week);
  - miscellaneous goods and services (\$73 a week).
- Brisbane did not record the highest expenditure in any broad expenditure category.
- Significant increases in expenditure over the five years from 1998-99 were on pay TV (up 192%), internet charges (up 146%), mobile telephone charges (up 118%) and child care (up 91%).

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Average weekly expenditure (\$)	938	888	820	814	871	753	1,038	1,052	883
Mean gross household income per week (\$)	1,212	1,134	1,036	1,033	1,098	897	1,401	1,399	1,128

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